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GUARD ORDERED HOME.

LEADS OF STATE TROOPS ON BORDER TO RETURN TO STATE CAMPS.

War Department Confidential That There are Sufficient Men to Insure Safety on Frontier—South Carolina Troops Remain.

Washington, Aug. 30.—Orders for the return to their State mobilization camps of 15,000 National Guardsmen now on the Mexican border were issued tonight by the war department.

Gen. Funston was directed to return one regiment from Louisiana, three from New York, two from New Jersey, two from Illinois, two from Missouri and one each from California, Oregon and Washington.

Secretary Baker announced the order after a conference with President Wilson at the White House. Earlier in the day the department had ordered to home stations 6,000 regular army soldiers who have been working on industry on the border.

The secretary's statement tonight said: "In view of the fact that substantially the number of troops who have been sent to the border are now on their way home, it is felt that this number can be spared. In a few days, if transportation facilities remain unobstructed, the department expects to order home some more regiments and possibly to replace them with troops now in their mobilization camps in the several States."

Regiments to be sent home were not designated by number and it is understood that their selection is left to Gen. Funston.

Department officials think there is ample force on the border now to insure proper protection.

MAY MOVE AT ONCE.

Will be Well Under Way by Friday or Saturday.

San Antonio, Texas, Aug. 30.—The movement of National Guardsmen assigned to return to their mobilization camps from the Mexican border was well under way tonight.

It is expected the movement will be well under way by Friday or Saturday. Gen. Funston will immediately transmit instructions to the various regiments in his department.

At Southern department headquarters it was said that the recall of the 15,000 men would interrupt organization of new National Guard divisions.

Each new division will lose important parts and the construction of a complete mobile army will be delayed indefinitely.

FIRED ON AMERICAN SHIP.

German Government's Submarine Attack on Steamer Oswego.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Secretary Lansing received through Ambassador Gerard a note from Germany saying that the American steamer Oswego was fired on by German submarine while passing the Isle of Wight August 3, but international law was not violated because the steamer refused to stop until after the shots had been fired.

President Wilson leaves the capital saying that strike legislation is making progress.

FIGHTING IN LORRAINE.

German Shift Point of Attack on French Front.

Paris, Aug. 31.—Shifting their attacks to Lorraine the Germans penetrated French trenches in the Parroy sector, but were ejected, it is announced.

MAKE COMMON CAUSE.

Chicago Railroads Will Work Together to Break Strike.

Chicago, Aug. 31.—The heads of all the big railroads entering the city met today for perfecting plans for taking care of trains if the strike comes. They plan to help each other by exchanging strike breakers.

BRITISH USE GAS.

Successful Attack Made on Arras Front.

London, Aug. 31.—The British used gas at Armentieres on the Arras front against the Germans with good results, it is announced. Bavarian officers and men surrendered without resistance at Martinpuch.

ROMANIA GOES DRY.

Bucharest, Aug. 31.—National prohibition has been declared in Roumania.

HIS FRIENDS BACK LEADER.

COOPER MEN GIVING THEIR UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

Manning Men Confident, While Blease Says He Will be Next Governor by 15,000 to 20,000 Majority.

Columbia, Aug. 30.—Supporters of Robert A. Cooper, of Laurens, are backing up the statement of their chief in which he came out tonight for Gov. Manning, by giving their unqualified support to the present chief executive for re-election.

Every Cooper leader in Columbia today endorsed Gov. Manning and offered their personal support to help re-elect in the second primary.

The governor was besieged with telephone calls from every section of South Carolina this afternoon and tonight from Cooper men saying that they not only intended to give their votes, but will "pull off their coats and work for him."

While the Manning forces realize that a hard fight is presaged for the next two weeks, yet they are going into the battle confident of the triumph two weeks hence of the present chief executive and the principles for which he stands. Cooper and Manning men are preparing to stand shoulder to shoulder and work hard for the success of Gov. Manning.

The Blease people were jubilant today and were making all manner of claims for their chief. They are saying on all sides that the Cooper supporters will come to them, in the face of Mr. Cooper's attitude and the positive stand that the Cooper leaders are taking in favor of Gov. Manning.

One fact that stands out prominently in the present situation, the same as it did two years ago and will have a decided effect on the campaign is that the vote cast for Manning and Cooper was not for the two but was a protest against Bleasism and was for the principles for which Manning and Cooper stand. This is what make the election of Gov. Manning almost certain, stated administration leaders tonight.

Gov. Manning while he believes that Bleasism will not again triumph in South Carolina, is eagerly going into the fight. He issued the following statement this afternoon:

"A majority of votes were cast against Blease. He polls his full strength in the first primary always. A Cooper vote is an anti-Blease vote. Blease did not poll more than his normal strength and cannot better it in the second primary. It is the same situation as two years ago. I started this morning to win the fight in the second primary and am going to win it."

In a statement issued tonight Cole L. Blease says his pre-primary estimate has been justified, and he would have been elected on the first primary if a full vote had been cast. "I am unable as yet to account for the shortage, unless it was due to the rain," he said. "I am thoroughly satisfied that I will hold the vote that I have," continues the statement, "and will get at least one-half, or possibly two-thirds of the votes which were given to Mr. Cooper, a considerable portion of which is normally with us, but which went to Mr. Cooper on account of personal reasons. I am confident that I will win on the next ballot by from 15,000 to 20,000."

John Madison DesChamps, defeated for governor, announced today that "through observation, careful study and deliberate judgment," he is fully convinced of the "need of a new political party in South Carolina." He declares himself, the "founder, organizer and promoter of the White party of South Carolina." The platform of the new political organization will be announced later, stated its founder.

GREEK KING FLEES.

Leaves Athens With German Escort for Larissa.

London, Aug. 31.—The collapse of the Greek government is predicted in official circles following the report that King Constantine has fled from Athens, with German uhlan as escort, to Larissa. It is reported that a battle between the allies and Greek soldiers occurred around the king's country estate. It is believed the allies will take control of the government.

Sheriff in Hospital.

Lima, Ohio, Aug. 31.—Sheriff Ely, who was almost hanged by a mob, is being cared for by physicians at Ottawa. The mob took him there, seeking a negro criminal. The negro had been removed before the mob arrived.

COOPER SUPPORTS MANNING

Says He Can Best Serve His State by Aiding Governor to Re-election as Chief Executive.

Robert A. Cooper, one of the Defeated Candidates for Governor, Has Come Out in a Statement Saying That He Will Support Governor R. I. Manning in His Race With Cole L. Blease in the Second Primary.

Mr. Cooper's statement, issued from his home in Laurens, is as follows:

"I am deeply grateful to the many friends in all sections of the State who gave me their support in Tuesday's primary. Notwithstanding the loyal support of true and tried friends, I have been defeated and the second primary will be had with Gov. Manning and Former Gov. Blease as contestants. Among those who gave me their support are former supporters of these two gentlemen and I am not unmindful of their preferences."

"I recognize the right of every citizen to cast his ballot for the man of his choice. I know, too, that I have some friends who think I should make no statement at all at this time and I respect their judgment highly. But I can not and do not propose to evade a stand for what I conceive to be the best interest of my State. Without attempting to give my reasons in detail, I believe I can best serve my State at this time by supporting Gov. Manning. A man in public life should act according to the dictates of his conscience and judgment without regard to the effect which his course may have upon his personal political fortune and should also forget any wrong which may have been done him when what he conceives to be his duty to his State is at stake."

"I do not presume to dictate to the friends who voted for me. They have a sovereign right to their ballot. I make this statement as to myself for the reasons set forth above, and, further, that I may not be accused of political cowardice or of sulking in my tent."

MAY PREVENT STRIKE.

WILSON STILL WORKING IN FACE OF OBSTACLES.

Congress Urged to Rush Through Legislation to Prevent Suspension of All Railroad Traffic That Would Demoralize Business.

Washington, Aug. 31.—President Wilson called Majority Leader Kern to the White House then went to the senate for a conference with the leaders in an effort to get his legislative program through. Before the senate committee hearing Garretson declared that he will call off the strike if congress passes an eight hour day law. He opposes the compulsory conciliation law, however. He says he can call off the strike but the only way is by telling the men that a satisfactory agreement has been reached. Wilson in the conference with the senate interstate commerce committee leaders demands the passage of the eight hour law. He says it is the only solution and that other measures could be passed after Saturday.

Majority Leader Kitchen of the house says he is confident the eight hour law will pass the house quickly and will also pass the senate, but he expects opposition there. Garretson later declared that no power on earth could force the workmen to accept compulsory conciliation and investigation legislation. Samuel Gompers follows Garretson before the committee. He says congress may make strikes illegal, but cannot stop them, as they are necessary and will continue.

Washington, Aug. 31.—President Wilson called a large number of leaders of the house and senate into the presidential room at the capitol, asking them to hurry up strike legislation. Senators Smith of South Carolina, and Pomerene, of Ohio, after leaving say they talked over proposed legislation and are now convinced that there will be no strike. Majority House Leader Kitchen, after the conference, says they are trying to get action and believe they will succeed in time. It is the general belief that President Wilson will abandon his full legislative program.

AUSTRIANS IN WILD PANIC.

Roumanians Advance Thirty Miles in Hungary.

London, Aug. 31.—The Roumanians have advanced thirty miles into Hungary, driving the Austrians before them in wild flight. The Austrians abandoned the mountain passes, villages and fortresses. The Roumanians are now holding six important passes.

MANNING IS CONFIDENT.

Governor Manning Issues Statement on Primary Results.

Columbia, Aug. 30.—Gov. Manning this morning gave to the press the following statement:

"A majority of votes were cast against Blease. He polls his full strength in the first primary always. A Cooper vote is an anti-Blease vote. Blease did not poll more than his normal strength and cannot better it in the second primary. It is the same situation as two years ago. I started this morning to win the fight in the second primary and am going to win it."

Gov. Manning was full of fight and getting rapidly in touch with his friends all over the State.

SIGNS IMPORTANT BILLS.

WILSON PUTS HIS SIGNATURE TO NATIONAL DEFENSE MEASURES.

Speaks Briefly of What This Congress Has Done for Country's Safety.

Washington, Aug. 29.—President Wilson today completed the administration preparedness legislative programme by signing the army and navy appropriation bills. At the same time he signed the Philippine bill. The president also signed the uniform bill of lading bill. As he did so he was surrounded by members of the senate and house committees and army and navy officers.

Moving picture cameras recorded the event. After signing the measures, the president spoke briefly.

"I think that the whole country will feel," said the president, "that this congress has accomplished a very remarkable part of the programme of national defense. This bill that I have signed for the army is merely the appropriation bill, it is not the bill by which we reorganized the army, of course you understand, but it does carry with it a very much needed revision of the articles of war, and it does mean that the finances of the nation are to stand behind the reorganization of the army and its use for adequate national defense."

"The navy bill is a very remarkable measure. Never before by one single act of legislation has so much been done for the creation of an adequate navy. Our navy has steadily grown. I think the development of that arm of force has always had the enthusiastic support of the nation. It is a matter of unusual gratification therefore, that we should have been able at this time to do so much, to do it so well, as I believe it to be done in this bill, and to do it with such unanimity of support and opinion."

"The Philippine bill excites peculiar feelings in me, because there have been times when the people of the Philippines doubted our intentions to be liberally just to them. I hope and believe that this bill is a sufficient answer to them of our real intentions. It is a very satisfactory advance in our policy of extending to them genuine self-government and control of their own affairs. It is only by such means that any people comes into contentment and into political capacity, and it was high time that we did this act of justice which we have now done."

"The last bill, the bill of lading bill, I believe, will be a most substantial assistance to the right conduct of both the commercial and financial business of the country."

"So that it is with great gratification that I am able to add my part to so many pieces of useful and public spirited legislation. I am not accustomed to the kind of spot light to which we have just been subjected, but I am very glad to have been caught at such acts."

The president said that the bills probably would be momentous in their results.

COTTON CONDITION SHOWS 58.7

Ben H. Harvin Gives Figures on Cotton Crop Yield.

Harvin, Aug. 29.—Replies to 2,000 inquiries sent to every cotton growing State for the growing condition of cotton to August 24th, shows an average condition of 58.7.

By States as follows:

Alabama	46.6
Arkansas	65.8
California	87.5
Florida	55.
Georgia	57.5
Louisiana	58.1
Mississippi	37.
Missouri	76.8
North Carolina	62.6
Oklahoma	41.7
South Carolina	48.2
Tennessee	68.2
Texas	58.
Virginia	No Report.

GARRETTSON BEFORE CONGRESS.

Head of Railway Conductors' Brotherhood First to Speak.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Chief Garretson of the Conductors' Brotherhood was the first speaker before the senate interstate commerce committee hearing. He declared the men had made great concessions, when they accepted President Wilson's eight hour day plan, sacrificing everything except the shorter day.

GERMANS ADMIT LOSS.

Berlin, Aug. 31.—The loss of trenches north of Arras on the Somme front is officially admitted.

GAINING IN STATES.

WILSON GETTING STRONGER IN NEW YORK, OHIO AND INDIANA.

Mayor State Rank

Washington, Aug. 29.—There is an old saying to the effect that "as Indiana, Ohio and New York go, so will the election"—in national affairs—and while it is quite true that these three States hold the balance of power, right at this time these three States are looking toward Wilson.

Every report that comes to the national capital from New York, Ohio and Indiana, and other of the big vote centres indicates that Democratic strength is increasing with every new day and that the little enthusiasm that came to light for Candidate Hughes just after the Chicago convention is fast ebbing away.

Today E. C. Bell, mayor of the great city of Indianapolis, was in Washington and expressed the conviction that there would be a sweeping Wilson victory in Indiana this year.

"Mr. Wilson will carry the State without a doubt," said Mr. Bell, "and Tom Taggart will be returned to the senate as surely as Frank Hanly, candidate for president on the Prohibition ticket, will be defeated. Mr. Taggart is one of the most popular men in Indiana. He is a born fighter, knows every man, woman and child in the State by their first names, and if there is one thing the people out my way admire, it's a fighter. He kept us out of war. That is the biggest asset that Mr. Wilson has. He will win in Indiana on that issue alone. His Mexican policy is in great favor with the people, and his conciliatory attitude toward the European belligerents is praised equally as high."

"As regards Mr. Justice Hughes trip through the West, I believe that before he has completed his swing around the circle, he will have convinced the American people that Mr. Wilson ought to be reelected. In spite of the demise of the bull moose, there are a great many Progressives in Indiana who are still 'sore' at the treatment accorded them by the Republican party, and not a few of them will support the Democratic ticket. The Republicans are in such a precarious state that the leaders felt obliged to call in all their speakers last week in a final effort to find something upon which they could base a tenacious campaign against Wilson."

"Indiana has never been more prosperous than it is today. There is plenty of labor for those who want to work, and not enough workers for the jobs. In the past employment agencies have been trying to find jobs for men, now they are engaged in trying to find men for the jobs. There has not been a strike under my administration, and I have been mayor for three years."

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

Democratic Executive Committee Met Today Tabulated the Returns and Declared the Results of the Primary.

The County Democratic Executive committee met in the court house at 12 o'clock today for the purpose of tabulating the returns and declaring the result of the primary election held on August 28th. When the committee was called to order by County Chairman J. H. Clifton the roll was called and twenty of the twenty-six members were found to be present.

There were no protests or contests filed and the tabulation of the returns was a matter of mere routine. The result was declared as shown in the tabulated statements printed elsewhere in this issue.

W. L. McCutchen and J. L. Gillis will make the second race for the house of representatives. M. J. Moore and J. D. Epperson will make the second race for magistrate in the Third district; Player and McElveen will run over in the First district and Burkett and M. L. Moore will run over in the Sixth district.

The second primary will be held on Tuesday September 12th.

HOLD STOCKHOD RIVER.

German Offensive Fails to Dislodge Russians.

Petrograd, Aug. 31.—The Germans are continuing their Volhynia offensive, but are unable to drive the Russians from the Stokhod river. The Germans were repulsed northeast of Kovel with severe German losses, it is announced. On the Caucasus front the Turks were repulsed near Gumeshan, and the Russians are advancing.